

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-20, 22-32, 34-40, 42-45, 47-50, 54-56, 58-60, 62-64, 66-68, 70-72, and 74-76 are pending in this application. No claim amendments are presented, thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-8, 10-20, 22-32, 34-40, 42-45, 47-50, 54-56, 58-60, 62-64, 66-68, 70-72 and 74-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Delano (U.S. Publication No. 006430558B1) in view of Busey et al (U.S. Publication No. 006377944B1, hereinafter "Busey") and further in view of Kalpio et al. (U.S. Publication No. 006343323B1, hereinafter "Kalpio"). For at least the reasons discussed below, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Independent Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, A method for ***managing documents***, comprising the step of:

...***formatting said document*** from said application service provider into a standardized format regardless of which application service provider of said plurality of application service provides is selected...

Independent Claims 13, 25, 37, 42, and 47, while directed to alternative embodiments, recite similar features. Accordingly, the remarks presented below are applicable to each of independent Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 42, and 47.

The present invention provides for standardized formatting of a document received from one of plurality of application service providers allowing a user to access documents of various original formats from various application service providers, and view the standardized format using a single graphical user interface.

In addressing the above emphasized claimed feature, the Official Action cites col. 6, lines 37-39 of Delano, and asserts that the references teaches “conducting search queries of at least one database... ranking or sorting the resulting content by their applicability, and presenting the ranked or sorted resulting content to the user in the desired output format.”¹

However, outputting search results “in a desired format” is not the same as “*formatting said document* from said application service provider into a standardized format...,” as recited in independent Claim 1.

Specifically, col. 6, lines 37-49 of Delano describes that content received based on the search is selected and sorted or ranked based on relevance. Then the ranked content is presented to the user in a desired output format, typically a Web page or set of pages that that display the list of content and the content links. Therefore, Delano simply describes that the results of the search are displayed in a list or by a plurality of links in a Web page. This process does not include a step of *formatting a document*, much less formatting the document into a standardized format.

Moreover, the presentation step described by Delano does not include a step of *formatting a document*. Instead, as discussed above, the presentation step of Delano simply describes how search results are reported to the user, but does not teach or suggest that any *formatting of a document* is performed, whatsoever. For example, if the result of a search in Delano returns a PDF or Word document, the user must then select this document from the list, or from a hyperlink, then open the document using the appropriate software. The present invention solves this problem by “*formatting said document* from said application service provider into a standardized format...,” to be displayed by a user. Delano fails to teach or suggest this claimed feature.

¹ Official Action, p. 13.

Busey and Kalpio fail to supplement the above deficiency in Delano. Busey describes formatting the query to the database or search engine, and formatting of raw information by a CIS/Agent, but fails to teach or suggest *formatting of the document* provided to the user, nor does it disclose formatting the document into a standardized format. Furthermore, Kalpio fails to teach or suggest *formatting a document*, or formatting the document into a standardized format.

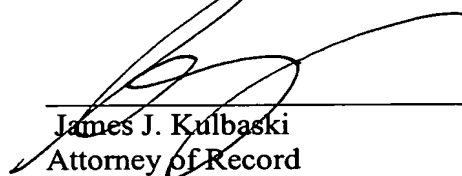
Since Delano, Busey, and/or Kalpio, either when taken singularly or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the limitations recited in independent Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 42, and 47, the Applicants submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established with respect to these claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the obviousness rejections of Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 42, and 47.

The dependent claims are considered allowable for the reasons advanced for the independent claims from which they depend. These claims are further considered allowable as they recite other features of the invention that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the applied references when those features are considered within the context of their respective independent claims.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-8, 10-20, 22-32, 34-40, 42-45, 47-50, 54-56, 58-60, 62-64, 66-68, 70-72, and 74-76, is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested

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